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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: PUERTO RICO

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1. WE RECALL THAT AT LAST YEAR'S GEORGETOWN NON-ALIGNED MEETING, CUBANS SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING NON-ALIGNED TO GRANT OBSERVER STATUS TO PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSP). CUBAN AMBASSADOR ALARCON, IN HIS SPEECH TO UN COMITE OF 24 ON PUERTO RICO LAST WEEK, REFERRED FOR FIRST TIME TO BOTH PSP AND PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PIP) AS "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." IN WAKE OF YESTERDAY'S COMMITTEE OF 24 DECISION GRANTING HEARING TO INDEPENDENTISTAS, CUBANS NOW VERY LIKELY TO LOBBY INTENSIVELY AT ALGIERS FOR NON-ALIGNEDrecognition OF THESE TWO MINOR PUERTO RICAN POLITICAL PARTIES AS NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IF CUBANS SUCCEED AT ALGIERS,
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THEY THEN MIGHT WELL ATTEMPT TO GAIN OBSERVER STATUS

FOR PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENTISTAS IN FOURTH
(DECOLONIZATION) COMITE DURING FORTHCOMING UNGA.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE RECOMMEND THAT, AS FOLLOW-UP
TO DEMARCHE ON UN COMMITTEE OF 24 HANDLING OF PUERTO RICO
ISSUE, DEPARTMENT MAKE SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE OF 24 AWARE OF HOW SERIOUSLY
WE VIEW THIS ISSUE.

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